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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert J. Winchester

FROM:

Medical Systems Development Officer,  
Office of Medical Services

SUBJECT: S. 990 and H.R. 12210

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1. Thank you for the opportunity of providing our views on the subject bills. As you know the essential differences between S. 990 and H.R. 12210 are the following:

- a. S. 990 becomes effective 60 days after enactment or October 1, 1978, whichever is later, while H.R. 12210 becomes effective on the date of enactment or October 1, 1978, whichever is later.
- b. S. 990 requires the CSI to report each year regarding the operation of the special pay program, while H.R. 12210 does not.
- c. S. 990 instructs the Director, OMB to continue investigation and evaluation of recruitment and retention problems regarding qualified physicians and dentists and to submit legislative proposals and recommendations regarding these matters to Congress by September 30, 1980. H.R. 12210 does not currently contain such a provision.

The Office of Medical Services finds S. 990 passed by the Senate acceptable and hopes the House will pass an identical bill.

2. Please find attached a letter I wrote as Chairman, Committee on Pay Equity, Council of Federal Medical Directors, on 14 June 1978 to Congresswoman Gladys Noon Spellman, concerning S. 990 and H.R. 12210.

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3. It is hoped this information will be of assistance to you. It is further hoped that JLC and the Agency will have the opportunity to be of assistance in securing enactment of S. 990 into law.

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